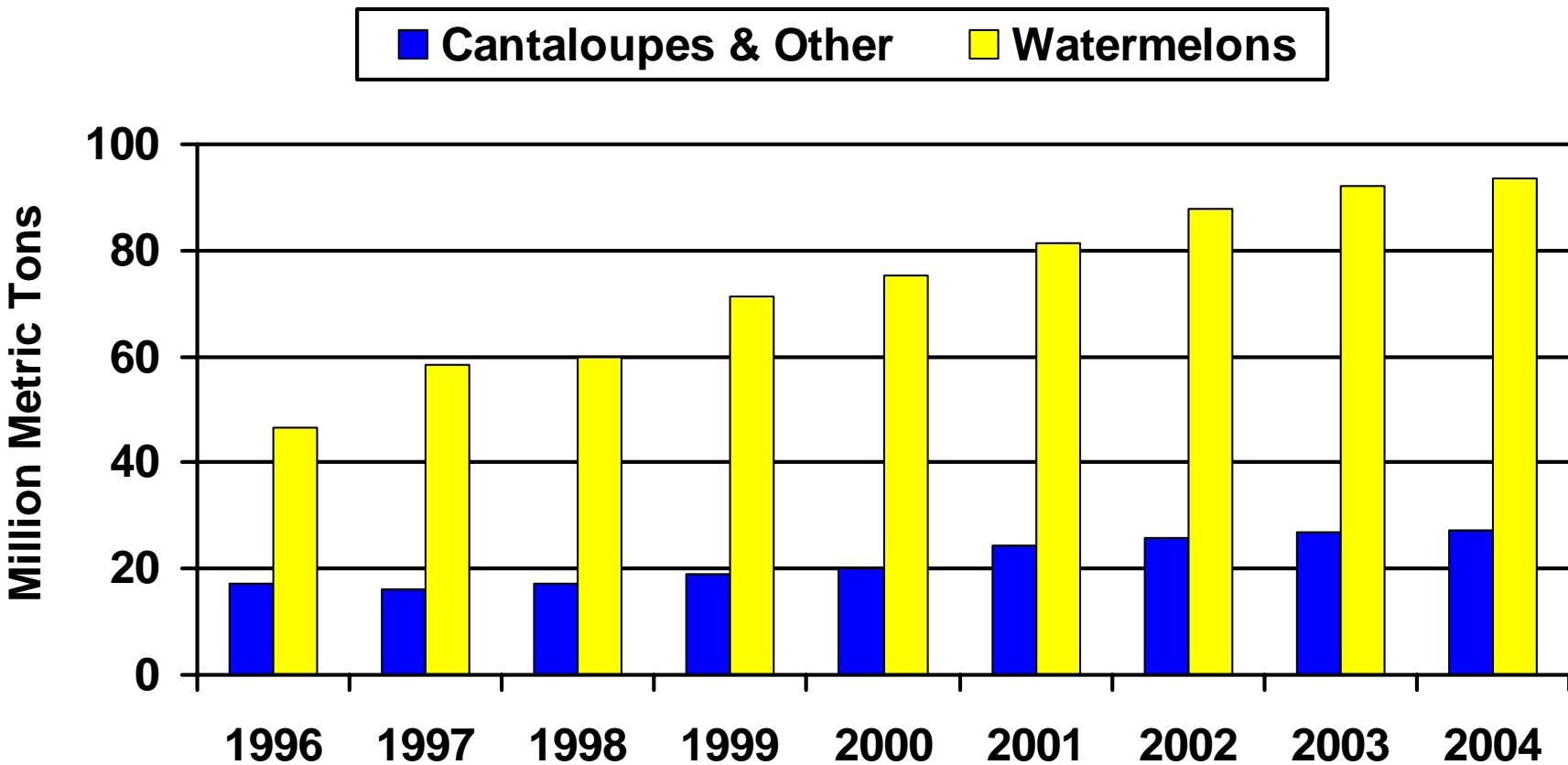


The U.S. and World Situation: Melons

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Foreign Agricultural Service
Horticultural & Tropical Products Division**

Global Production of Melons

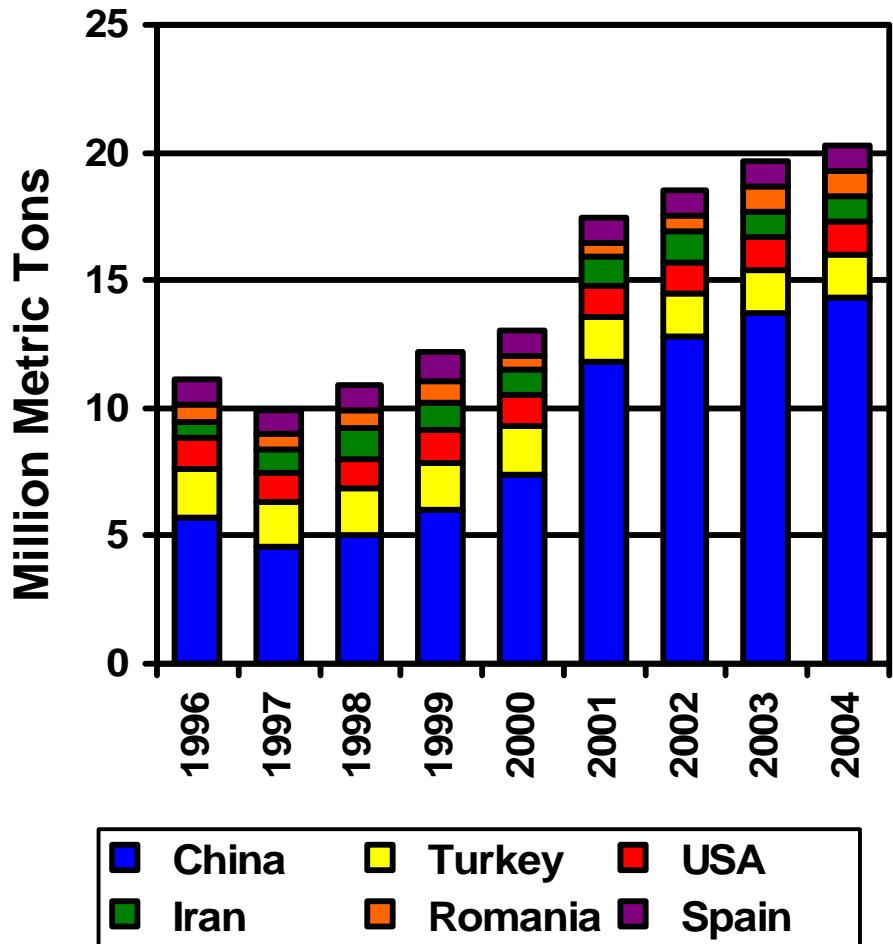


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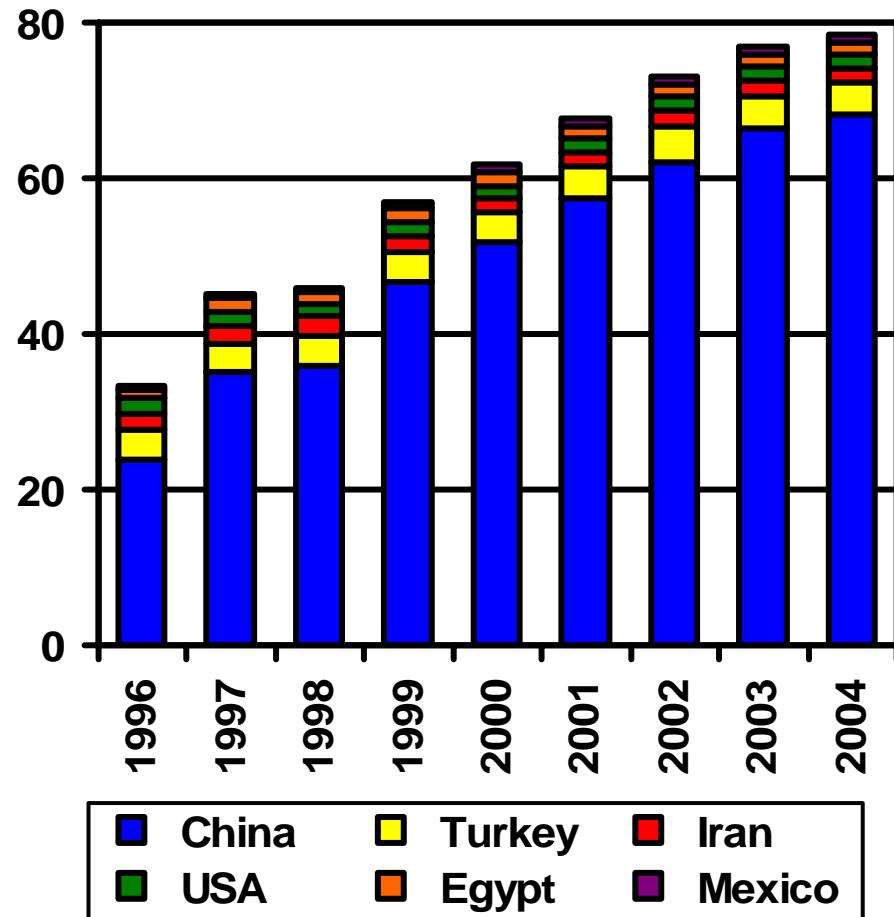
Top Melon Producers

(Calendar Years)

Cantaloupes & Others



Watermelons

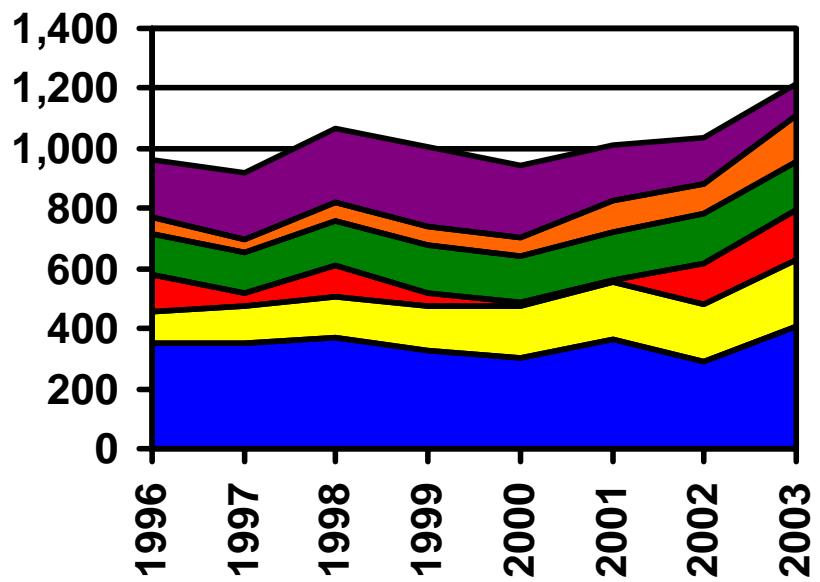


Major Exporters of Melons

(Calendar Years)

Cantaloupes & Others

Thousand Metric Tons



1,400

1,200

1,000

800

600

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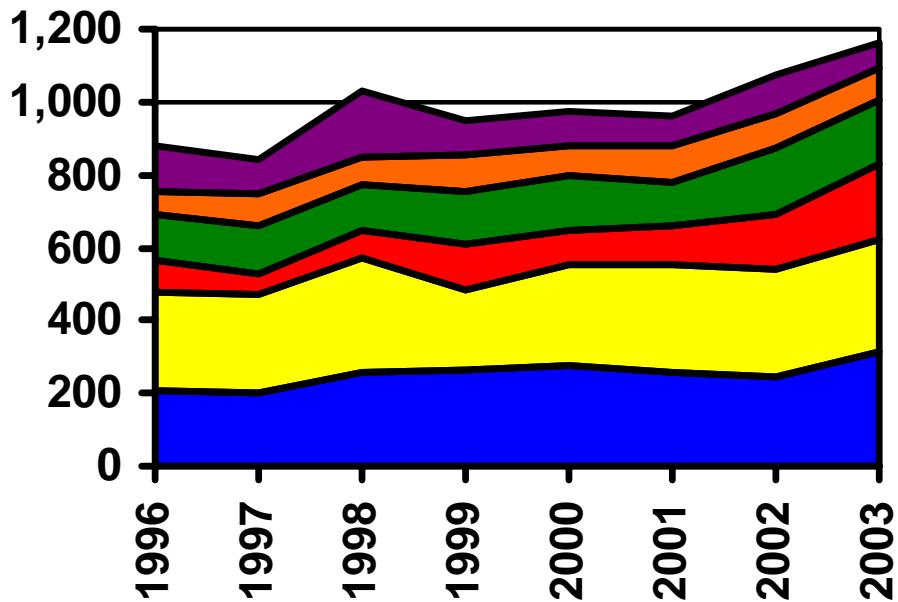
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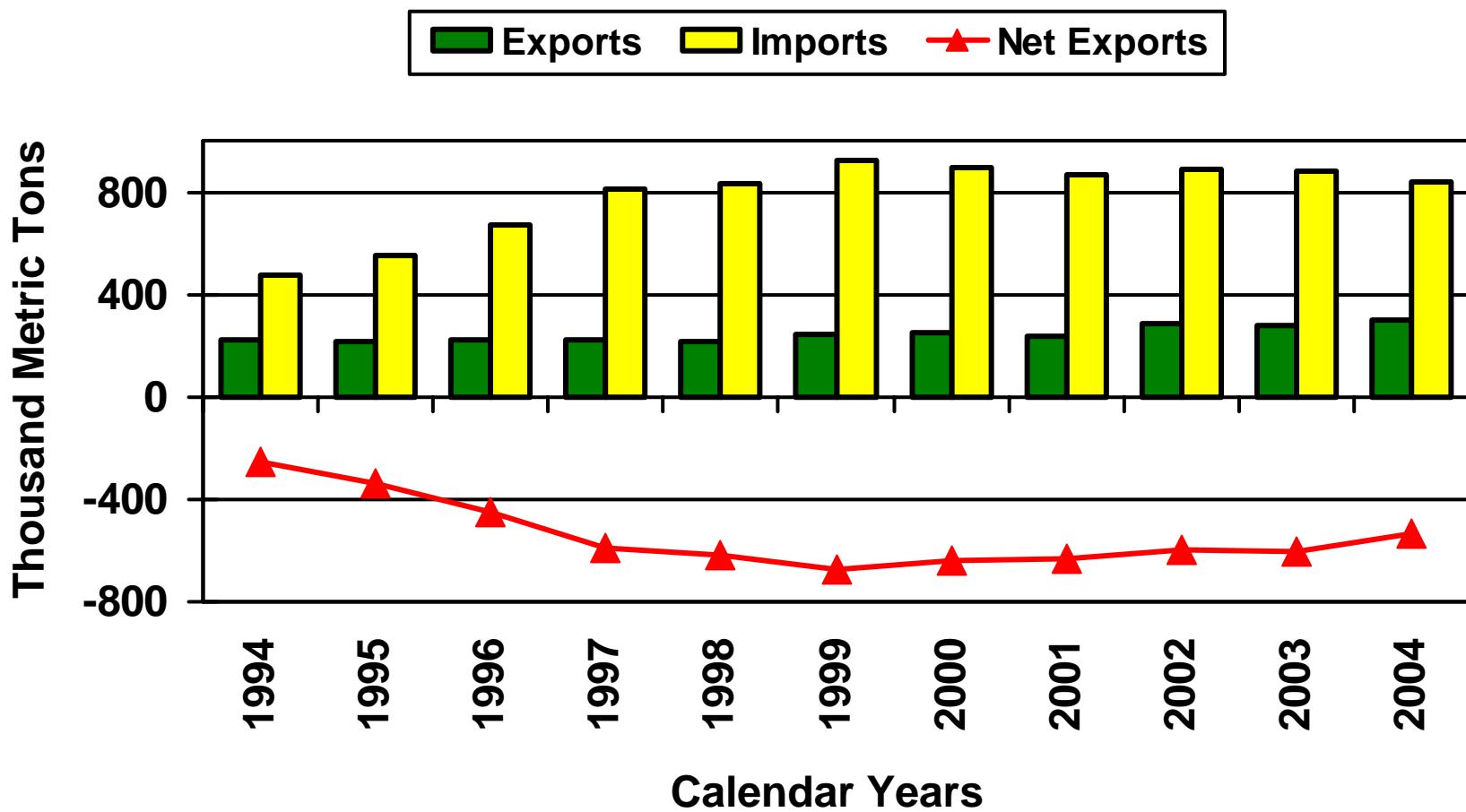
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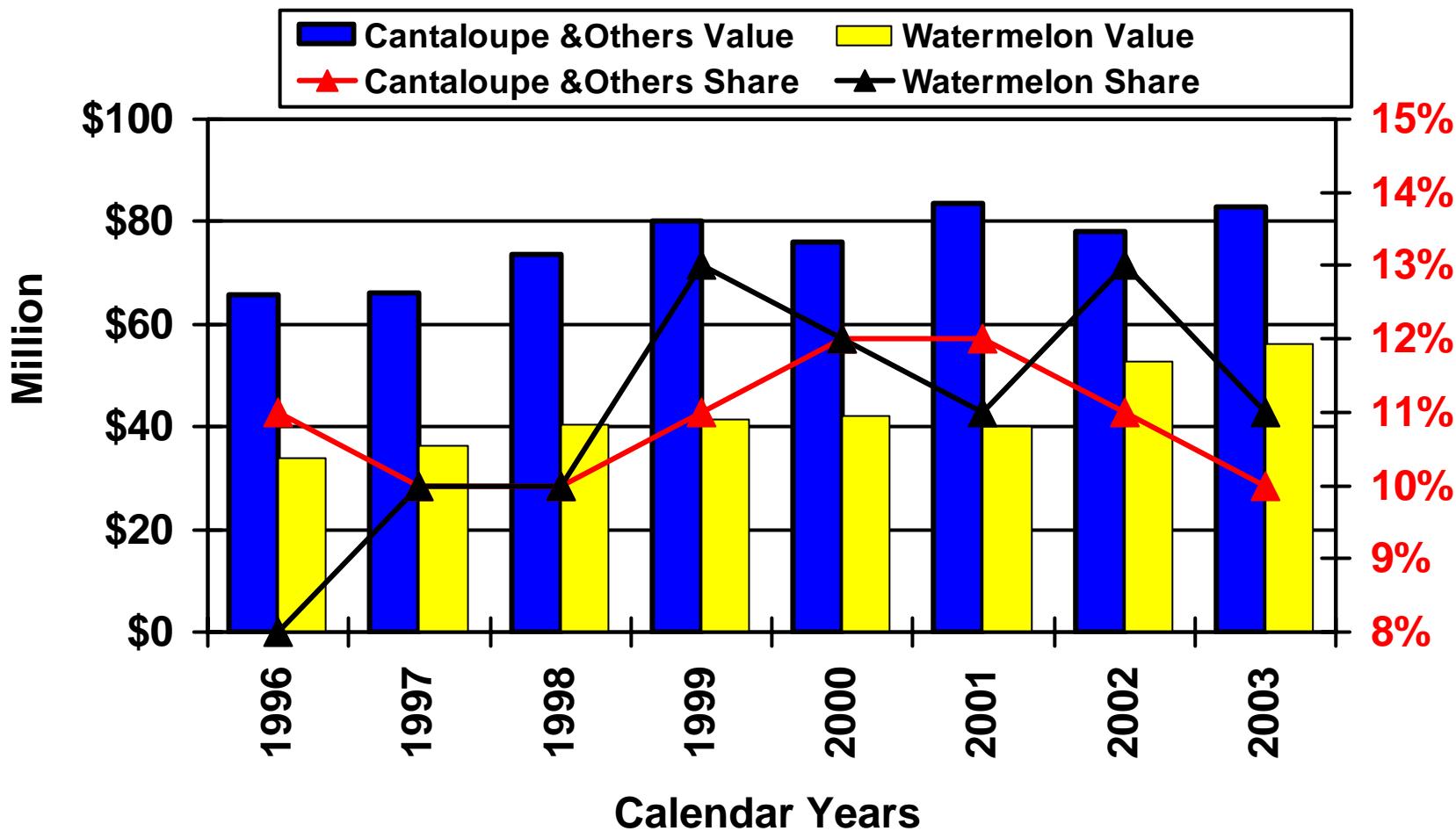
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U.S. Trade in Melons



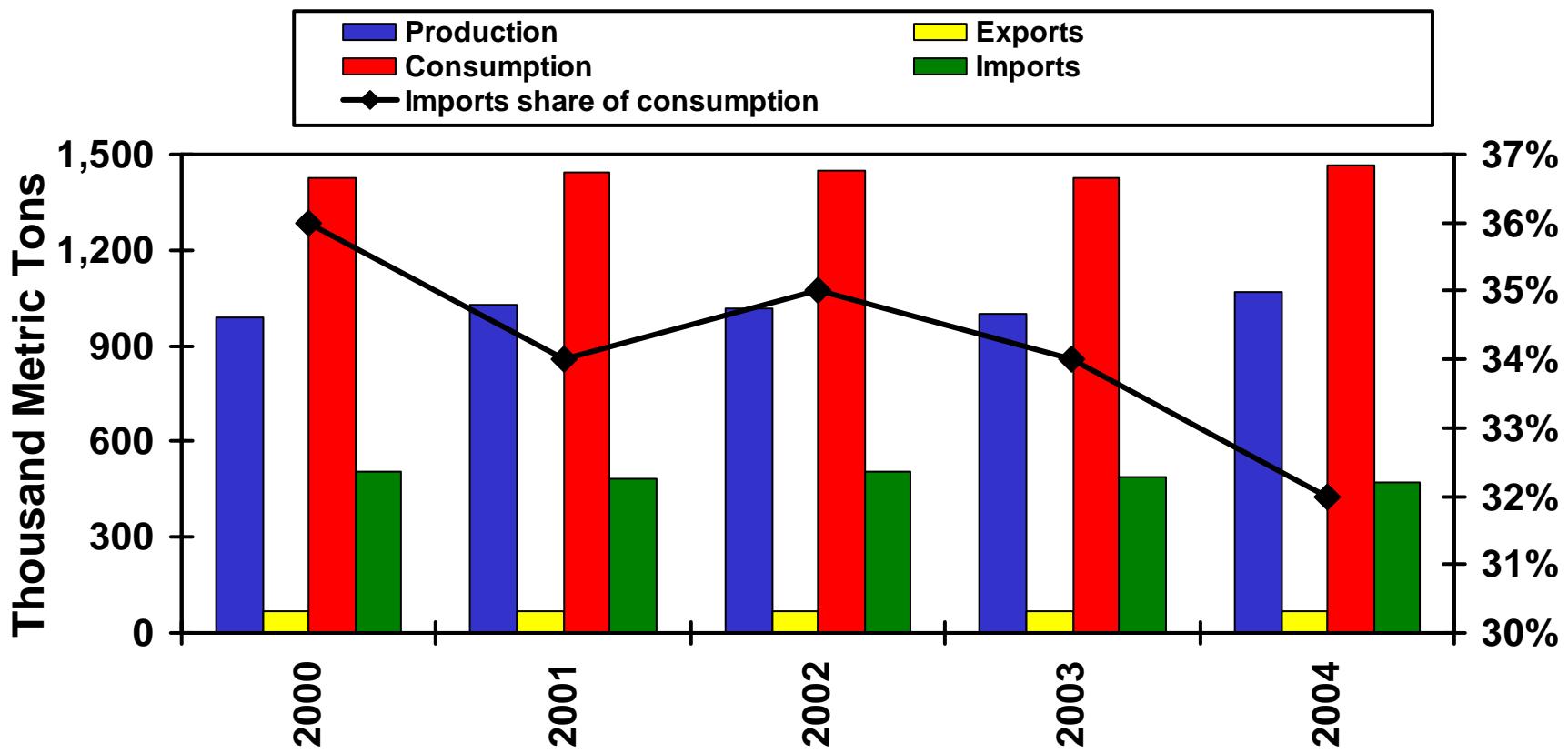
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U.S. Melon Export Values and Share of World Trade



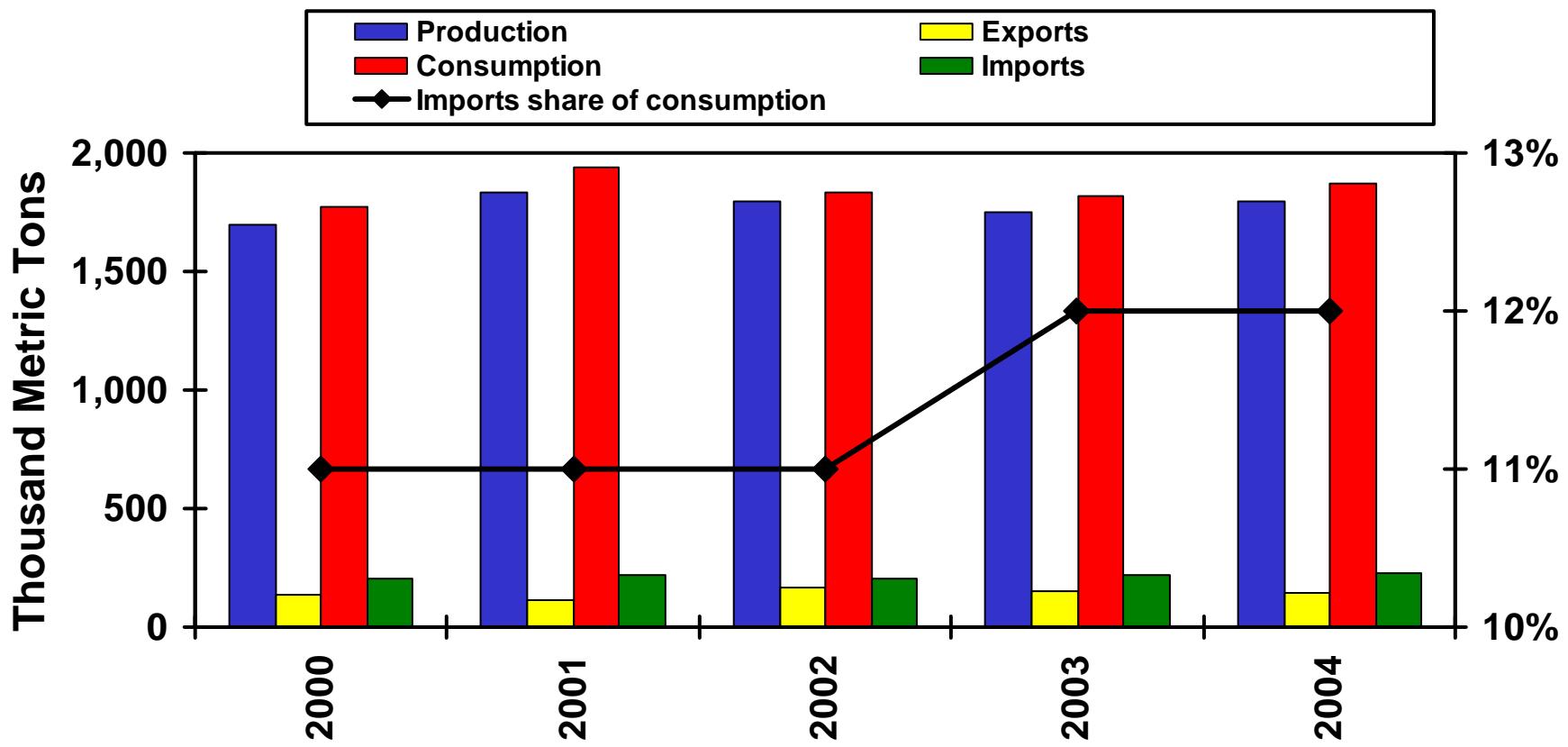
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U.S. Cantaloupe Production, Consumption, and Trade



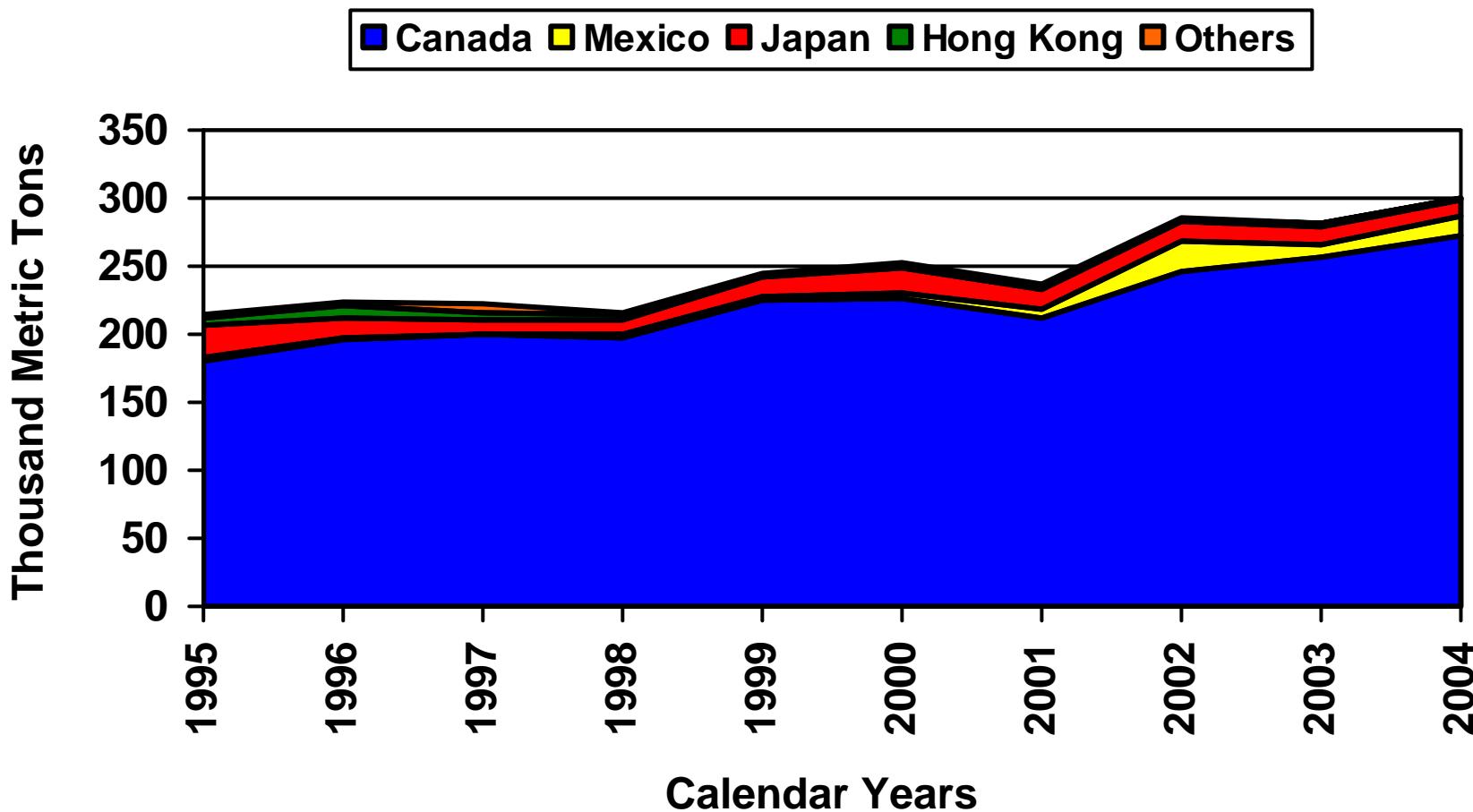
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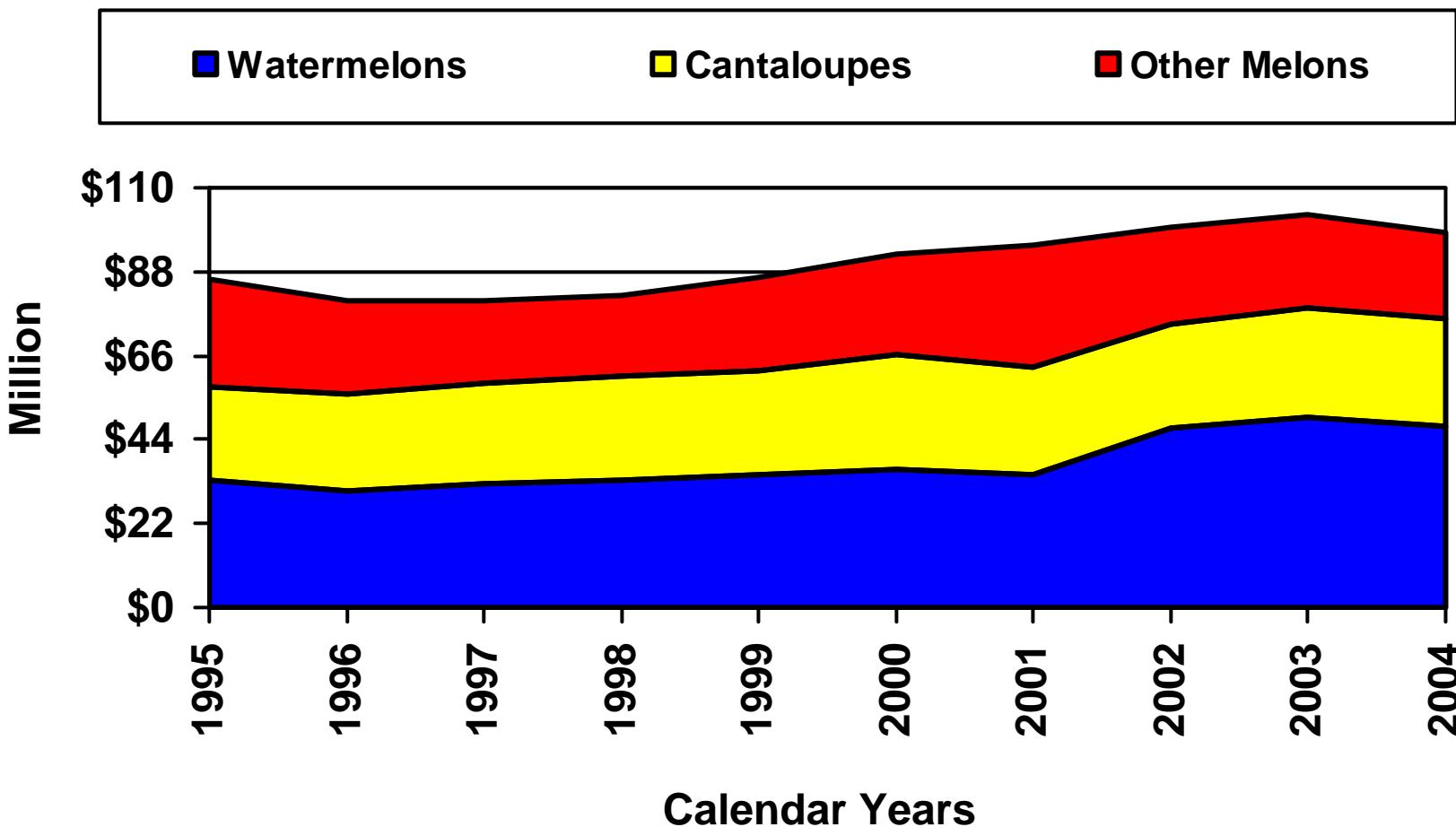
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Top Export Markets for U.S. Melons



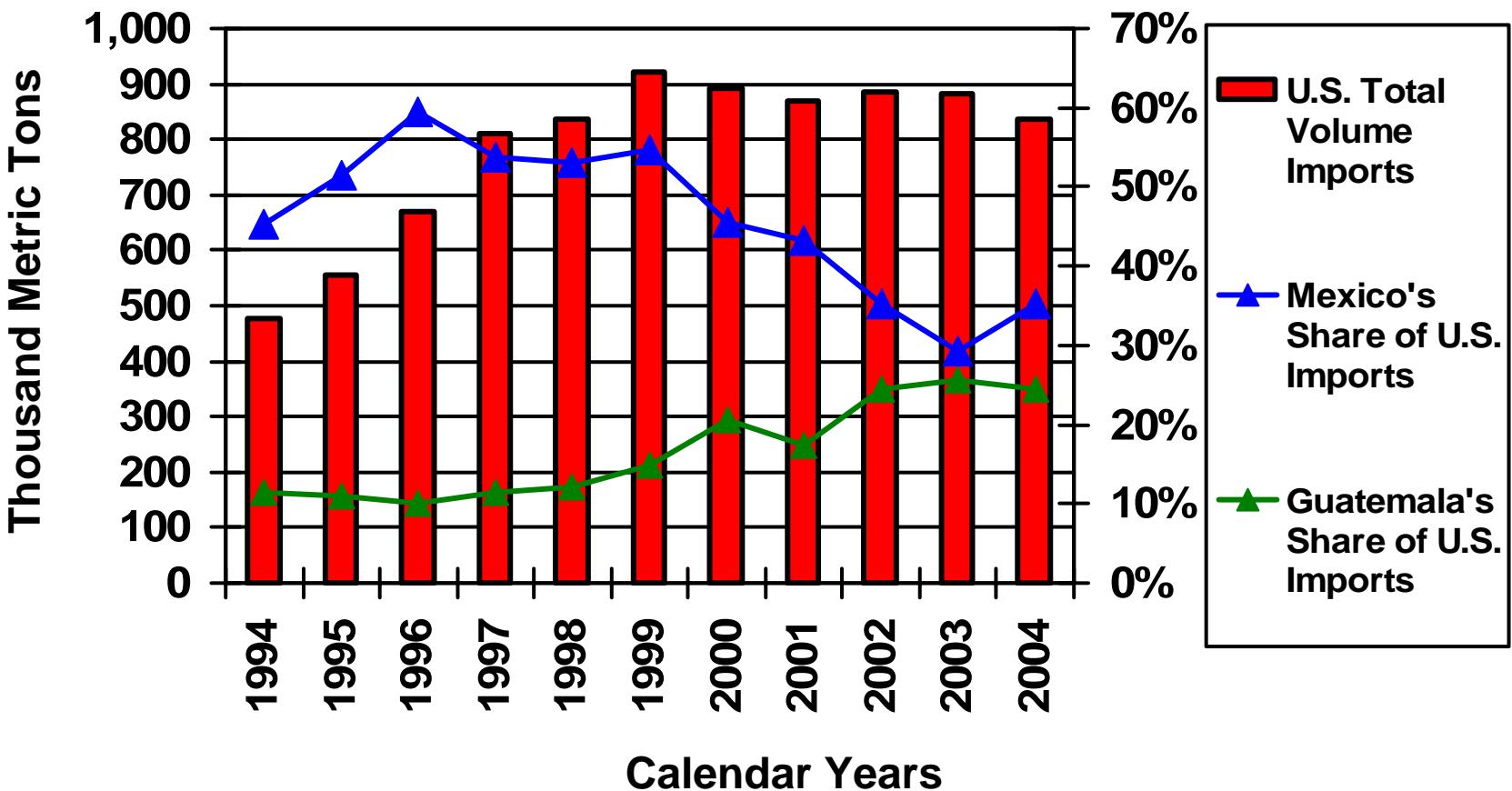
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Value of U.S. Melon Exports by Type



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Top Suppliers' Share of the U.S. Melon Import Market

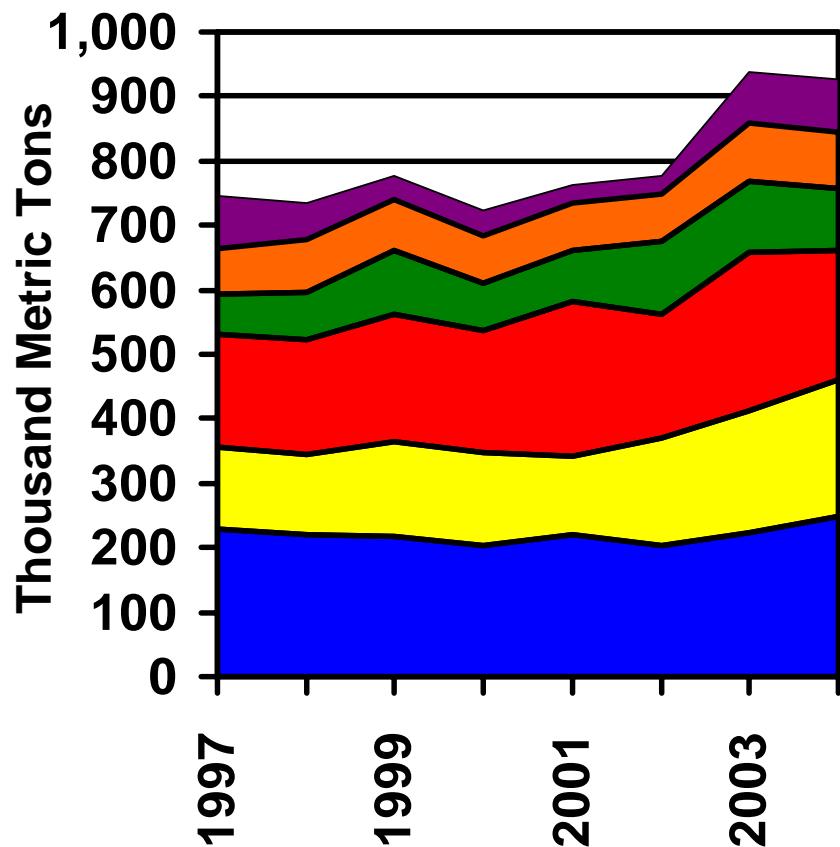


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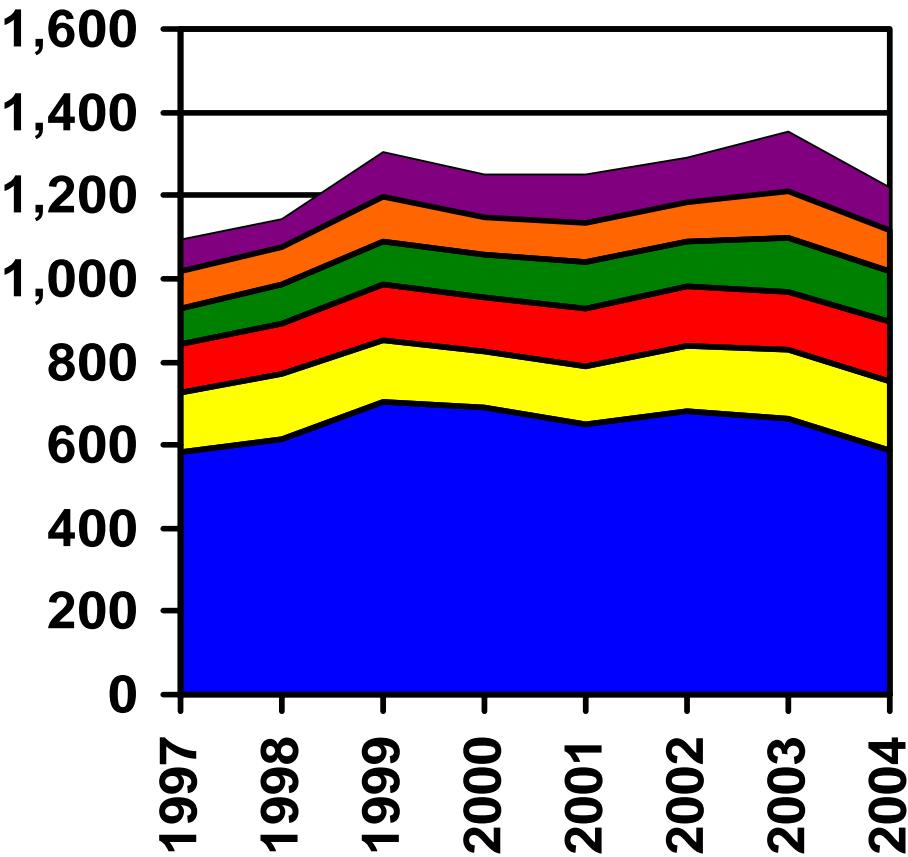
Major Melon Importers

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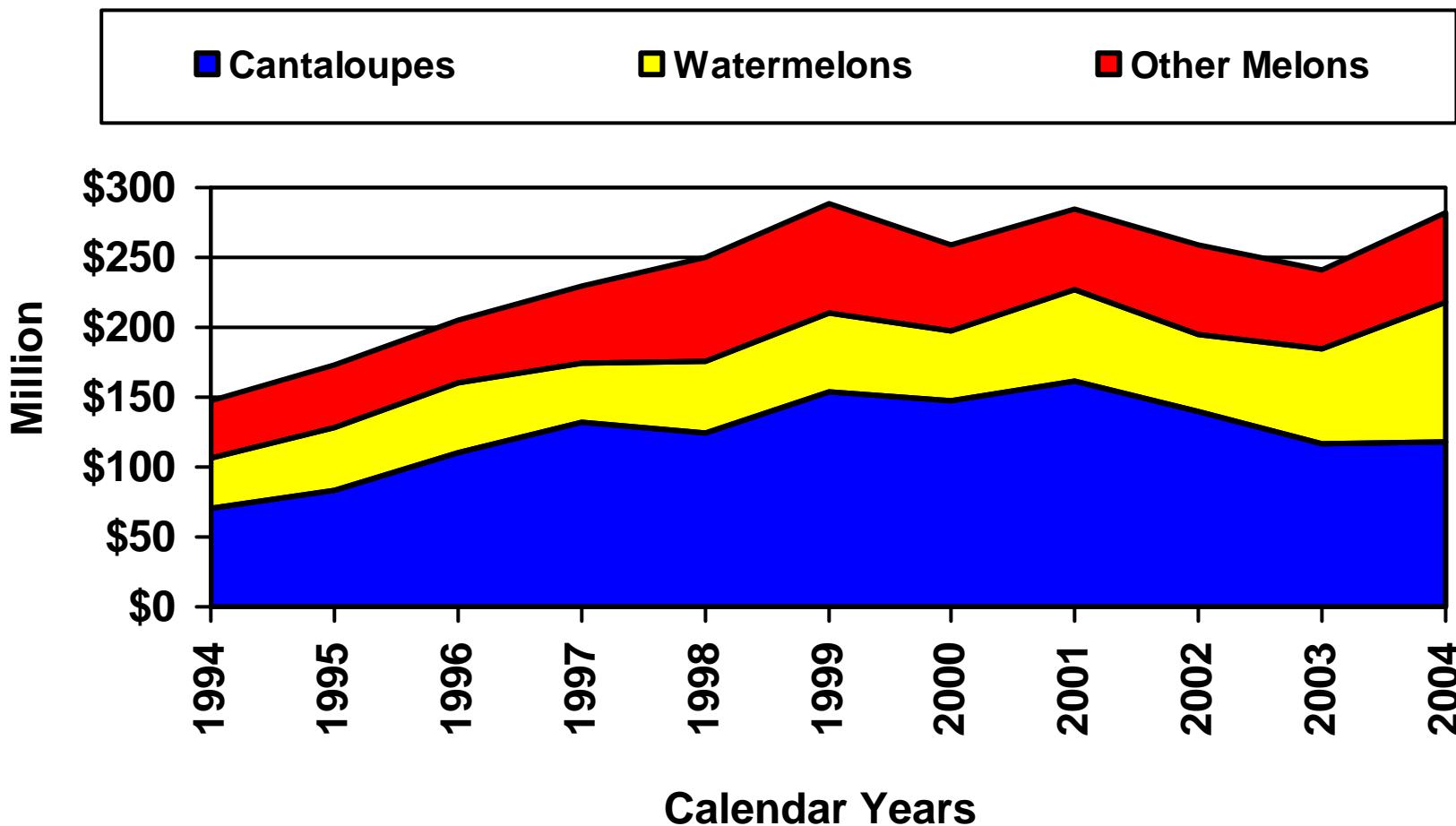
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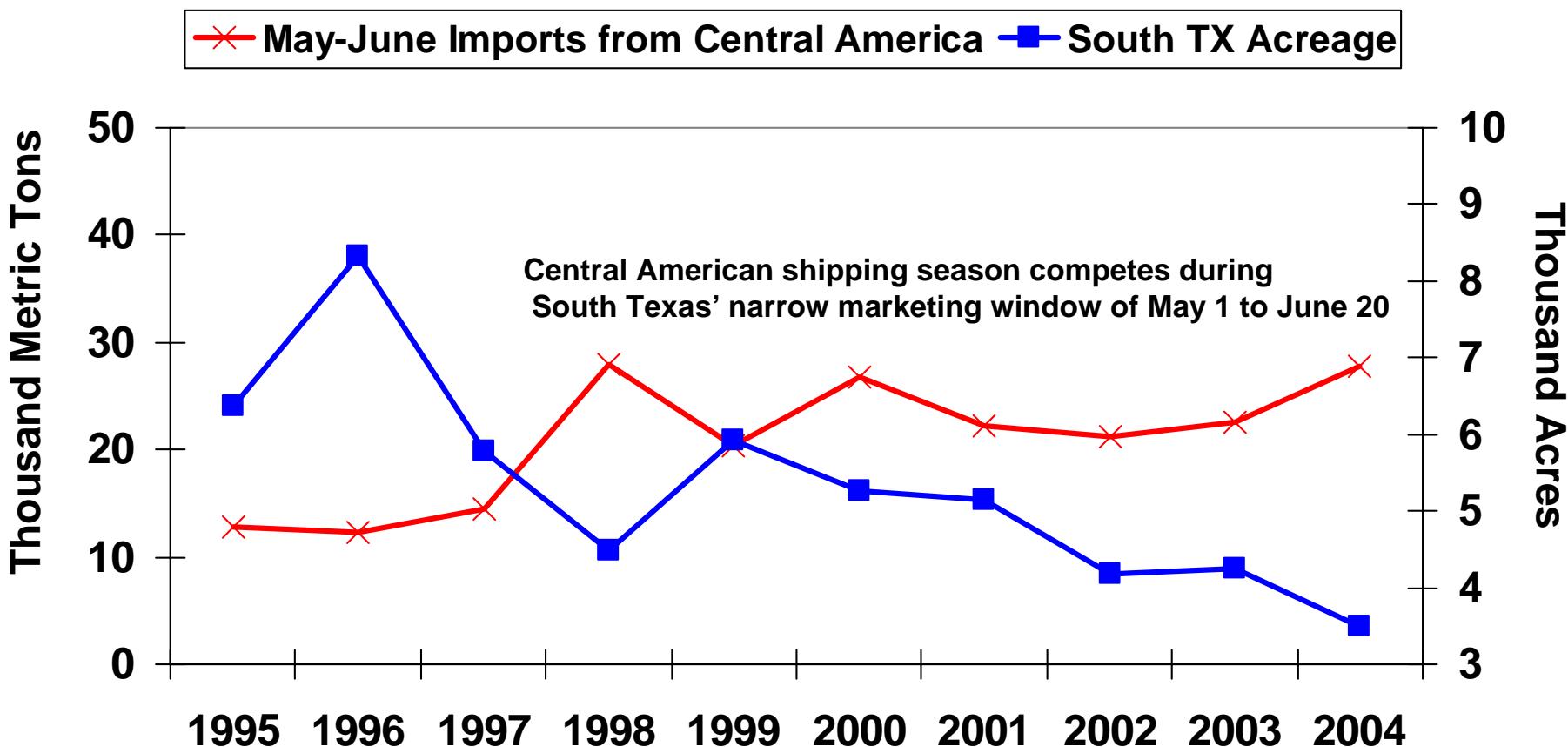


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Imports of Cantaloupes From Central America and Effect on S. Texas Acreage



Source: Bureau of the Census, DOC and the South Texas Melon Committee